Telecast of regional films

511. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional films that had been telecast on Doordarshan network on last two years with details thereof, language-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of South Indian films had been telecast on TV network, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the reasons for telecasting very few Gujarati or Marathi films on national network; and

(d) whether there is any demand to change the criteria for the selection of regional films for national network?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Seventy Six Regional films were telecast on the National Network during 1986 and 1987. A language-wise break-up of these films is given in the attached statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Doordarshan telecasts in its national network only those Regional films which have won National Award of Rajat Kamal as the best film in a particular language or best or second best award in all languages combined or which have entered in the Indian Panorama Section of any International Film Festival of India Filmotsav.

Regional films fulfilling above criteria and found suitable are telecast on rotational basis so as to give adequate representation to all the languages. However, films fulfilling the eligibility criteria have of late not been available in some languages as compared to films in some other languages. With a view to telecasting feature films in those regional languages dialects which are not eligible for National Network, a new chunk has been introduced with effect from 11.7.1987 for telecast of films from Delhi and linked transmitters on every second and Fourth Saturday each month.

(d) A few suggestions for revising the eligibility criteria for telecast of the Regional films on National hookup have been received. No change, however, is contemplated at present.

Statement

Statement-I

Language-wise break-up of number of regional language films telecast during 1986 and 1987.

S. No.	Language	No. of films
1.	Assamese	9
2.	Bengali	11
3.	Gujarati	1
4.	Kannada	10
5.	Khasi	1
6.	Malayalam	9
7.	Manipuri	1
8.	Marathi	8
9.	Oriya	6
10.	Punjabi	2
11.	Sanskrit	1
12.	Telugu	8
13.	Tamil	9
		76*

*The figure does not include regional language films telecast in the chunk meant for late night movies.

Delay in release of finance by HUD

512. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of State Governments and Public Sector housing agencies have complained to

the Central Government that the HUDCO is delaying in sanction and release of loan instalments;

(b) whether the commencement of some projects has been severely affected due to the delay by the HUDCO in sactioning finance;

(c) whether Government propose to examine and review the workings of the HUDCO; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that projects are not delayed due to HUDCOs present policies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. HUDCO has not delayed sanctioning of any scheme fulfilling the requirements laid down in its guidelines and communicated to the Agencies concerned through Appraisal Reports provided that the resource allocation among various categories has been maintained as prescribed by Government. As a matter of fact, HUDCO has been releasing loan amounts in excess of the targets fixed.

(c) and (d) Government reviews the performance of HUDCO through review meetings conducted periodically.

Measures for dehoarding of foodgrains

513. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have some time back issued any directives to the State Governments to intensify stringent measures for dehoarding of foodgrains in order to ensure easy availability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have followed the directions of the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the details of further steps Government propose to take to make available foodgdrains to the consumers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The State Governments and UT Administrations were only advised to introduce regulatory measures to intensify dehoarding operations by fixing stock holding limit for wheat and rice and also to bring wheat and wheat products under licensing wherever and to the extent necessary.

(d) The public distribution system has been strengthened and Central Pool wheat is being sold in the open market.

Distribution of surplus land

514. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total surplus land, in acres, vested with Government, declared surplus and distributed so far Statewise as at the end of December, 1987;

(b) the total number of beneficiaries; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries amongst them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Statement-I and II are laid on the Table of the House.